

THE COLD EQUATIONS

DRTA

1. What does the title suggest to you? Where will the story take place?
2. Who is "he"? What is the setting? What do you think will happen when the "something" is discovered?
3. Why do you think the pilot was used to the sight of death? Why do you think there could be no appeal? Who is in greater danger the pilot or the stowaway? Why?
4. What is an EDS? Why is stowawaying such a serious crime? Who do you think the stowaway is?
5. What new information did you learn? What do you know that the stowaway doesn't? Do you think the pilot will obey the law?
6. If circumstances are so "different", what does that tell you about "usual" stowaways? How do you think the girl will react when she finds out about the rule? Now do you think the pilot will carry out the punishment?
7. What emotions do you think the girl is feeling now? Why does her punishment "have to be that way"? What will happen next?
8. How does Barton break the rules for the girl? How do her emotions change when she learns the mission of the EDS? What will she do in the coming hour?
9. What do you think was in her letter? What was her misconception about the "frontier"? What do you think will happen to her now?

10. Describe Marilyn's relationship with her family. She was interrupted when she said "I wish--." What do you think she was going to say? Will her brother save her?

11. Discuss the pathos in this selection.